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## **TAC Minutes, 09/14/2011**

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 9/14/11, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener.

Missing Members and Associates: Jean Clark, Andy Machado, Steve Kurland Visitors Present: Roseanne Cassazza, Joe Marshall, Traffic Supervisors

1. Administration.
  - a. Minutes of 8/10/11 were approved unanimously.
  - b. Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed. It was agreed to keep the meeting night the same for the coming year (2nd Wednesday). Laura will book the room for next year.
2. Town reports.
  - Laura reported having checked the Capital Plan, there are no sidewalks budgeted at this time. The Planning Department has applied for a grant for help getting started on a Master Plan. Jeff stated that TAC might be interested in working on transportation element.
  - Wayne submitted a written report. He received a request to look at signal timing on Lake at Brooks and at Mass. Ave. Mass. Ave. signal is being adjusted as part of Mass. Ave. corridor planning, but can we look at Lake and Brooks? Wayne will look for existing information.
3. Public Comments. Roseanne Cassazza and Joe Marshall asked TAC to keep them informed of any TAC recommendations regarding the Traffic Supervisors. Roseanne asked if TAC was going to update its recommendations regarding afternoon shifts. Ed reported that we had not been asked to update TAC recommendations.
4. Start of Schools.
  - a. Hardy. There was a parent meeting at Hardy to talk about getting to school, in response to addition of Thompson student. E. Arlington Livable Streets (EALS) got a mini-grant from the national Safe Routes to Schools Program to promote safe walking and biking to school. Traffic Supervisors was added at Mass/Marathon and Brooks/Chandler. Joe Marshall, the Traffic Supervisor at Brooks/Chandler, noted significant vehicle traffic, and a Town tree that needs trimming.
  - b. Dallin. New sidewalks and other improvements are almost complete.
5. New Traffic Grant and Flags. Corey reported that Police Department received a grant for pedestrian and bike safety and education. Four hundred flags have been purchased, and containers installed at Pine Ridge/Gray, Park Ave Extension/Morris, and George/Dow. Starting next week, all 3 sites will be launched. Other grant activities include targeted enforcement at crosswalks, and bike rider traffic enforcement. Timeline for spending funds is very short due to delayed notification.
6. Town Day. Coordination details were discussed.
7. Mass/Water/Spengler. Suggestions were made for additional signage and pavement markings. Elisabeth, Howard, Jeff and Scott will look at intersection and make additional suggestions.
8. 30-50 Mill Street (former Brighams). Demolition has begun. Wayne was contacted by TEC, developer's traffic consultant.
9. Bike Sharing Program. Scott presented a letter approved by ABAC requesting the Town to consider future locations for bike stations in Arlington. TAC voted to sign onto the letter with some modifications. Voted unanimously.
10. Thermoplastic. Has CVS crosswalk been done? If so, Laura will discuss reimbursement with developer, or get it paid from escrow account.
11. CLAMP. Options are being narrowed down, and costs estimated. Budget amount is \$290,000. Will bring options to Town manager in October, then TAC, Selectmen, then hold a public meeting.
12. Oakland/Gray. Public meeting was held, with good turnout and feedback. A consensus was reached on a plan going forward. Recommendations were approved unanimously, to go to Selectmen.
13. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

### **Meeting Materials:**

- Meeting packet for September: Agenda, 9/14/11; Draft Meeting Dates for 2012; Minutes of 8/10/11; Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups, 9/14/11; BoS/ARB Project Status, 9/14/2011; Status of Outstanding Actions, 8/10/2011; Actions

from 8/10/11 TAC Meeting; Draft Memo from TAC and ABAC to Arlington Planning Department Re. Hubway Bike Share, Implications for Arlington, dated 8/17/11; "Bicycle Safety What Every Parent Should Know".

- Arlington TAC Meeting, Brunswick Road, August 10, 2011
- Memo from Wayne Chouinard to TAC Re. Update Items, dated 9/14/11
- Intersection of Oakland Ave, Gray St & Cliff St, September, 2011
- Memo from Dan Warren to Wayne Chouinard Re. Thermoplastic list, dated 8/24/11
- Memo from Marie Krepelka to Jeff Maxtutis and Howard Muise Re. Route 77 Bus Line Improvements, dated September 13, 2011